

be used for the construction of a new building or the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing building (including site grading and improvement and architect fees).

(d) Responsibilities of the Secretary of Energy.—In carrying out subsection (b)(1), the Secretary of Energy, shall—

(1) facilitate and develop partnerships among government, industry, and institutions of higher education to research, identify, assess, and explore methane hydrate resources;

(2) undertake programs to develop basic information necessary for promoting long-term interest in methane hydrate resources as an energy source;

(3) ensure that the data and information developed through the program are accessible and widely disseminated as needed and appropriate;

(4) promote cooperation among agencies that are developing technologies that may hold promise for methane hydrate resource development; and

(5) report annually to Congress on accomplishments under this section.

SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE MINING AND MINERALS POLICY ACT OF 1970.

Section 201 of the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1901) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6)—

(A) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as subparagraph (H); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following:

“(G) for purposes of this section and sections 202 through 205 only, methane hydrate; and”

(2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph 6 the following:

“(7) The term “methane hydrate” means—
“(A) a methane clathrate that is in the form of a methane-water ice-like crystalline material and is stable and occurs naturally in deep-ocean and permafrost areas; and
“(B) other natural gas hydrates found in association with deep-ocean and permafrost deposits of methane hydrate.”;

SEC. 5. REPORTS AND STUDIES.

The Secretary of Energy shall simultaneously provide to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate copies of any report or study that the Department of Energy pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy to carry out this Act—

- (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
- (2) \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2001;
- (3) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
- (4) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
- (5) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and
- (6) thereafter such sums as are necessary.

Amounts authorized under this section shall remain available until expended.

Amend the title to read as follows: “An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes.”

The amendment (No. 2806) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1753, as amended), was passed.

SENATOR COLLINS FROM MAINE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I also want to thank the Senator from Maine who

is on the floor and waiting to assist with the closing of the Senate for the year.

The hour is late on Friday night, but she has agreed to be here. And she also does a magnificent job presiding in the Chair. I thank her for being here and being prepared to help us with the closing actions that are necessary in order for the Senate to complete this session of the Congress.

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL LAND

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from consideration of H.R. 2737, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2737) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2737) was read the third time, and passed.

JACKSON MULTI-AGENCY CAMPUS ACT OF 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 401, S. 1374.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1374) to authorize the development and maintenance of multi-agency campus project in the town of Jackson, WY.

There being objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Jackson Multi-Agency Campus Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the management of public land and natural resources and the service of the public in the area of Jackson, Wyoming, are responsibilities shared by—

- (A) the Department of Agriculture;
- (B) the Forest Service;
- (C) the Department of the Interior, including—

- (i) the National Park Service; and
- (ii) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(D) the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Wyoming;

(E) Teton County, Wyoming;

(F) the town of Jackson, Wyoming;

(G) the Jackson Chamber of Commerce; and

(H) the Jackson Hole Historical Society; and

(2) it is desirable to locate the administrative offices of several of the agencies and entities specified in paragraph (1) on 1 site to—

(A) facilitate communication between the agencies and entities;

(B) reduce costs to the Federal, State, and local governments; and

(C) better serve the public.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—
(1) to authorize the Federal agencies specified in subsection (a)—

(A) to develop and maintain the Project in Jackson, Wyoming, in cooperation with the other agencies and entities specified in subsection (a); and

(B) to provide resources and enter into such agreements as are necessary for the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and fixture modifications of all elements of the Project;

(2) to direct the Secretary to convey to the town of Jackson, Wyoming, certain parcels of federally owned land located in Teton County, Wyoming, in exchange for construction of facilities for the Bridger-Teton National Forest by the town of Jackson;

(3) to direct the Secretary to convey to the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Wyoming certain parcels of federally owned land in the town of Jackson, Wyoming, in exchange for approximately 1.35 acres of land, also located in the town of Jackson, to be used in the construction of the Project; and

(4) to relinquish certain reversionary interests of the United States in order to facilitate the transactions described in paragraphs (1) through (3).

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Game and Fish Commission of the State of Wyoming.

(2) CONSTRUCTION COST.—The term “construction cost” means any cost that is—

(A) associated with building improvements to Federal standards and guidelines; and

(B) open to a competitive bidding process approved by the Secretary.

(3) FEDERAL PARCEL.—The term “Federal parcel” means—

(A) the parcel of land, and all appurtenances to the land, comprising approximately 15.3 acres, depicted as “Bridger-Teton National Forest” on the Map; and

(B) the parcel comprising approximately 80 acres, known as the “Cache Creek Administrative Site”, located adjacent to the town.

(4) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map entitled “Multi-Agency Campus Project Site”, dated March 31, 1999, and on file in the offices of—

(A) the Bridger-Teton National Forest, in the State of Wyoming; and

(B) the Chief of the Forest Service.

(5) MASTER PLAN.—The term “master plan” means the document entitled “Conceptual Master Plan”, dated July 14, 1998, and on file in the offices of—

(A) the Bridger-Teton National Forest, in the State of Wyoming; and

(B) the Chief of the Forest Service.

(6) PROJECT.—The term “Project” means the proposed project for construction of a multi-agency campus, to be carried out by the town of Jackson in cooperation with the other agencies and entities described in section 2(a)(1), to provide, in accordance with the master plan—

(A) administrative facilities for various agencies and entities; and

(B) interpretive, educational, and other facilities for visitors to the greater Yellowstone area.